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Getting in Bad

Showing the desperate straights to which the State Republican Committee is forced, is an article published last week in those papers which would accept it for publication at the expense of the said Committee, entitled "A United Party Stands Ready for Final Effort." In speaking of the Bernalillo County Convention, this article says: "All elements of the Republican party in Bernalillo county united in naming the county ticket and will work enthusiastically for its election." Nothing is said in the article about the fact that this—the second Republican convention in Bernalillo county, was compelled to go into court to learn which of the two factions nominating Republican candidates should be entitled to the name! Harmony, what?

Farther on the article says: "Everywhere *** there is a unity of interest and confidence in such tickets ***" Yes indeed, unity—for example in Bernalillo county, where two sets of candidates were nominated; or Santa Fe county, where the present county officers re-nominated themselves; or San Miguel county, where Don Margarito Romero left his own brother Don Eugenio and his convention; or even right here in Torrance county, where more than half a dozen heretofore staunch republicans left the convention in disgust! Yes, indeed, there appears to be a "unity of interest" against gang rule.

Evidently someone is in bad when such pervariation must be resorted to.

Last week we were accused of being a democrat because we do not favor the election of Mr. Bursum as governor. If that is all there is to being a democrat, we must plead guilty. But evidently there are several thousands of others like us in New Mexico, who do not believe Mr. Bursum should be elevated to that post of honor and power, and yet who are not democrats. Republican principles and the so-called republican party in New Mexico are farther apart than is Republicanism and Democracy. True republicanism would never have sanctioned the disfranchising of the voters of several counties by throwing out of the legislature legally elected members and seating men, who did not even claim a majority of the votes of the people, merely to give those who dominated the so-called republican party of the state the necessary votes to override the Governor's veto. True republicanism would not muzzle the press as has been done in New Mexico. We throw up our hands in horror at the censure of the work of the war correspondents in Europe, yet in Free America, we retain a notorious libel

law on our statutes, and allow the press to be gagged thereby. True republicanism would not retain in operation such a poor excuse for election laws as are now in vogue in this state. If the breaking away from the things that pass as republicanism and the men who dominate the republican party here classes one as a democrat, then we must plead guilty to the charge.

The coming legislature will be one of the most important sessions ever held in New Mexico. Not so much so from a standpoint of necessary new laws, as the necessity of repealing and re-making some of the laws we already have. New Mexico is suffering from too much law—such as it is. We are supposed to have a law describing a legal fence. Ask any lawyer to tell you what composes a legal fence in this state, and watch him throw up his hands. Then try him on the herd law. And ask him a question or two about our election law. Get him to tell you, if he will, what the penalty is for shooting a jack rabbit which is making a meal off your cabbage patch providing you don't first run to the nearest officer and get a hunting license. It is evident that we need some level-headed men to spend the first part of next year in Santa Fe, in an attempt to bring some sort of order out of our laws. Look over the two tickets nominated in this county and see which candidates you think will best work for your interests in the legislature.

Under New Mexico statute, a voter desiring to vote a scratched ticket, may use either pencil or sticker or both, according to an opinion handed down by the Attorney General's office. We desire to call the attention of the voters to the fact that the stickers do not always stick. They have been known to drop off, after the ballot has been deposited in the box. In that case the vote is counted as originally printed. A better way is to first use a pencil and scratch out the name you do not wish to vote for. Then paste the sticker over the scratched name. Should the sticker lose off, your vote will not be counted for either candidate for that particular office.

Attention is called to the news item on the first page of this issue, wherein the county road board secured judgment against one of our citizens, who refused to pay his road tax. The tax was in the sum of \$3.00, but through failure to pay, the costs of suit have been added, increasing the amount almost two hundred per cent. Moral: Pay your road tax.

Do you want a county assessor who will do his own work, or one who must depend on somebody else? The candidate on the one ticket has not only filled the office himself satisfactorily, but has had charge of the office several times as deputy. His opponent has had no experience in the office, nor in any public office. Which will you choose?

The office of county commissioners is as important as any in the county. The voters should see that businessmen—men who have been successful in their private business affairs are chosen to fill this place.

FOUND—Near schoolhouse pair of Spectacles. Owner can have same by describing and paying for this notice.

Liberty Point

Mr. Fuller and son made a business trip to Mountainair Monday.

W. H. Harrison finished threshing beans Saturday, making 48,000 pounds.

The weather is fine and the farmers are busy threshing and working with beans.

Thomas Adams' house is nearing completion and will be ready for occupancy soon.

Sabbath school was very well attended Sunday evening, but still there is room for more.

Mr. Johnson and others went hunting Monday. So far we have not heard what success they had.

There will be no Sunday school the first Sunday in November, on account of the Singing Convention.

We understand Mr. Johnson will put in a Grist mill soon to grind corn and crush it for feed. Then we'll be eating good old cornbread, and eat the high cost of living.

Hurrah for this, which we think the best part of New Mexico. We boast of the finest country and as clever people as can be found. Come and see. Success to the Independent and its readers.

L. E. McClearen, a brother-in-law of Thomas Adams, who recently came and filed here, arrived Sunday night from Arkansas and will file on a homestead. As Moses led the Children of Israel out of bondage to the Promised Land, so some of the people are coming from

Arkansas bondage into the Promising Land.

Political Adv.



Harry J. Fincke
Candidate for
State Representative

Having been nominated by the Independent Republicans and endorsed by the Democrats for the office of Representative from Torrance county, I respectfully solicit the vote of every voter, irrespective of party affiliations, who believes in my honesty, integrity and ability to perform the duties of a legislator. I owe my nomination to no boss, clique or special interests, have made no promises and, if elected am free to give my time and ability to the interests of the people of our county and state.

HARRY J. FINCKE.

Smiles

"Why does Missouri stand at the head in raising mules?"
"Because that is the only safe place to stand."

"Johnny," the teacher asked, "can you tell me anything about Christopher Columbus?"

"He discovered America."

"Yes. What else did he do?"

"S'pose he went home and lectured about it."—Chicago Record-Herald.

The boy was very small and the load he was pushing in the wheelbarrow was very, very big.

A benevolent old gentleman, putting down his bundles, lent him a helping hand.

"Really, my boy," he puffed, "I don't see how you manage to get that barrow up the gutters alone."

"I don't," replied the appreciative kid. "Dere's always some jay a stand-in 'round as takes it up for me!"

Teacher—What animal attaches itself most to a man?

Willie—A bulldog, ma'am

"Freddie, you've been fighting again?"

"No, I haven't, mother. I've just been arguing with Jimmie Brown."

"Nonsense! How could you get a black eye from merely arguing?"

"Well you see, Jimmie gesticulates an awful lot when he argues."

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